made since the security provided by the Home Guards was not considered satisfactory by the Central Pension Accounting Office. The annual expenditure being incurred on the new arrangement is Rs. 1.80 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Yamuna Action Plan

3658. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Yamuna Action Plan Project is being funded by the Government of Japan,

(b) if so, the estimate cost thereof; and

(c) the total amount of Japanese assistance obtained for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan is providing soft loan to part finance the Yamuna Action Plan.

(b) The estimated cost of the Yamuna Action Plan is Rs. 479.56 crores.

(c) An amount of Japanese Yen 17.773 billion as financial assistance is available for Yamuna Action Plan.

Chief Ministers of North Eastern States

3659. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any circular seeking opinion of the 5 Chief Ministers of North Eastern States on a proposal for the merger of five existing states into a single State in July last has been issued;

(b) if so, the salient features of the circular; and

(c) the reaction of the Chief Ministers thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Compensation to Farmers of Border Areas

3660. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have paid compensation to the farmers whose land has been acquired for erecting fencing along the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the compensation is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The Compensation to the farmers whose land has been used for fencing on Indo-Pak border is already being paid through concerned State Governments and the matter is being pursued with them for payment to the farmers at the earliest.

[English]

Illegal Arms

3661. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a racket of illicit arms with Pakistan link has been brusted in Delhi on September 22, 1996;

(b) if so, the details of seizures and the persons apprehended in this regard indicating the modus operandi of the gang and its Pakistani links; and

(c) the preventive steps taken by the Government to liquidate the gang their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Delhi Police arrested two persons on the 22nd September, 1996 from opposite the Taj Hotel, Jama Masjid, Delhi and recovered 50 live cartridges from them. The U.P. Police had a day earlier arrested two other Persons from Saharanpur from whom several revolvers and pistols alongwith cartridges were recovered. The investigations conducted in these two cases have revealed that the persons arrested at the two places had links with some Pakistani associates and the arms were being brought in from Pakistan for use in terrorist and disruptive activities in the country. A "coolie" working at Attari Border who was being used as a conduit for supply of the arms and ammunition to the arrested persons was also arrested by the U.P. Police.

(c) The measures taken by the Delhi Police to curb such activities in Delhi include close co-ordination with the Central and State Intelligence agencies; checking of suspected guest houses/hide-outs, strict watch on foreigner' tourist camps; larger deployment of spotters/ watchers; verfication of new tenants; checking of supected vehicles; display of photographs of known terrorists at public places and soliciting greater public cooperation.

[Translation]

Working of Fellowship unit of Ambedkar Foundation

3662. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any

representation regarding conducting any enquiry into the working of Felloship Unit of Ambedkar Foundation;

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c). No, Sir.

Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

3663. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any demand has been made by the Maharashtra Government not to enforce the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in regard to the "Jhudpi" (wasteland) "Forest Land" to enable them the same to utilize for the development purposes and leasing it out to the unemployed youths for agricultural use;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to accept the demand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Government of Maharashtra has been submitting proposals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of forest land with regard to "Jhudpi" forest land as well. A committee of offiers of Government of India and forest and revenue officers of Government of Maharashtra has suggested notifiying the entire area of 2,68,293.58 hectares under section 4 and completing the enquiry expeditiously for declaring the suitable areas as Reserved Forests.

(b) and (c). Question do not arise.

Crimes in Uttar Pradesh

3664. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bailable and non-bailable offences committed in Uttar Pradesh during the last one year;

(b) the comparative details of crimes during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether law and order situation in the Statte is deteriorated;

(d) if so, the preventive steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government are aware of the trap of criminal activities laid by the I.S.I. in the State;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government have formulated any action plan to check such activities; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (h). Information at the Central level is maintained in respect of cognizable crimes under IPC and Local and Special Laws. Available information in this regard as received from the National Crime Records Bureau is given in the enclosed statement.

Available reports indicate that while the law and order situation has been stable in the State, ISI has been seeking to expand its activities in some districts of the State. The Government is alive to the situation and has been taking all necessary steps to combat and frustrate the disigns of ISI by sensitising and gearing up the intelligence machinery and coordinated action by the concerned Central and State agencies, etc.

STATEMENT

Incidence of Crimes Under IPC and LSL in Uttar Pradesh during 1992 to 1994.

S.No.	Crime Head	1992	1993	1994
1	2	3	4	5
IPC Crimes				
1.	Murder	10559	10589	10776
2.	Attempt To commit Murder	9804	9054	9541
3.	C.H. Not Amourting to Murder	1728	1543	1371
4.	Rape	1757	1787	2078
5.	Kidnapping and Abduction	4352	4423	4798
	(i) of women and girls	2550	2522	2796
	(ii) of others	1802	1901	2002